

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are requested.

Applicant appreciates the telephone interview of January 11, 2009, courteously granted by Examiner Cheryl Ann Juska to Applicant's representative Meera Narasimhan.

The amendments presented above address the 35 U.S.C. 112 issues on pages 2-3 of the office action. No new matter has been added by the above amendments, nor any new issues been raised by the present response.

Claims 12-35 are patentable under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph.

The term "width" in the independent claims has been changed to "thickness" to expedite prosecution. However, since all the claims (12-35) define a "carpet square" it is inherent that the square has - length x breadth x width - therefore changing "width" to "thickness" does not raise any new issues.

Entry of the amendment and allowance of the claims are requested.

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CONCLUSION

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Respectfully,



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